(Amendment) Act, 1999 (46 of 1999) on the basis of recommendations made by Justice Malimath Committee, Law Commission's Reports and the report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (11th Lok Sabha).

None of the above amendments in the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 1999 has yet been brought into force.

Abstension of Electorates from Voting

4677. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the electorate comprising the intelligentsia abstaining from voting; and

(b) whether any survey was undertaken by any agency to find out the details of such voters; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) (a) and (b) The Government has no specific information on the voting behaviour of intelligentsia and is not aware of any survey conducted by any agency in this regard.

Freeze on Seats at the current level in Lok Sabha

4678. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to freeze the number of seats in the Lok Sabha at the current level of 543 till the year 2026;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what is the plan of Government about increase of seats in the Lok Sabha in coming year?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) The Constitution 42nd Amendment Act, 1976 laid an embargo on undertaking fresh delimitation of constituencies until the figures of the first census taken after the year 2000 become available, vide proviso to article 82 and 170(3) of the Constitution. The measure was undertaken to boost family planning norms. The Government has been receiving representations to extend the embargo on the plea